

REMARKS

In summary, claims 14 and 15 are pending. Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 14 and 15. No claims are amended. No new matter is added.

Rejection Of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,057,051, issued to Uchida *et al.* (hereinafter referred to as “Uchida *et al.*”).

Uchida *et al.* neither discloses nor suggests several of Applicant’s claim limitations. For example Uchida *et al.* neither discloses nor suggests “a data bus for providing said fuel cell data” as recited in independent claim 14.

Uchida *et al.* teaches a miniaturized polymer electrolyte fuel cell using hydrogen as fuel and air as an oxidant to power portable electronic equipment. (Abstract; Column 1, lines 8-10). Uchida *et al.* discloses, at column 7, lines 48-54, that “[i]n the case where the equipment, on which the fuel cell power source is mounted, is a note-type personal computer ... estimated values of an operation time elapsed and an (*sic*) remaining operating time are outputted through the equipment connection terminal 10 to be displayed on the equipment 1.”

Nowhere does Uchida *et al.* suggest a data bus for providing fuel cell data. Uchida *et al.* teaches that values are provided via the equipment connection terminal 10, but Uchida *et al.* neither discloses nor suggests that terminal 10 comprises and/or is compatible with a data bus. At column 6, lines 8-9, terminal 10 is described as “[a]n equipment connection terminal 10 for connecting the control portion 9 to the equipment 1.” Thus, terminal 10 is merely a connector. In fact, Uchida *et al.* could be interpreted as providing analog data via terminal 10, which is clearly not a format compatible with a data bus.

Because Uchida *et al.* neither discloses nor suggests “a data bus for providing said fuel cell data,” it is requested that the rejection, under 35 U.S.C. §102, of independent claim 14 and its dependent claim 15, be reconsidered and withdrawn.


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CONCLUSION

It is requested that the forgoing arguments, remarks, and amendments be entered, and in view thereof, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner cannot allow this application for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss resolution of any remaining issues.

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